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ON MARCH 26, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

THAT MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),
RECENTLY FORWARDED A MESSAGE TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO
REQUESTING THAT 2,500 CUBAN TROOPS BE SENT TO ARGENTINA TO ASSIST
THE ERP IN CARRYING OUT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.
SANTUCHO'S REQUEST WAS DENIED BY FIDEL CASTRO. THIS INTELLIGENCE

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HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA TO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES.

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